

Abstract

The invention refers to a method and an apparatus for gathering flat printed products by selecting a single printed product from each of a multitude of collections of identical printed products and conveying the selected printed products towards a collecting conveyor (10), which runs along a generally straight line in a first direction (11).

To improve the transfer of the flat printed products to the downstream machinery, it is suggested to

- advance the printed products in a second direction (15) in a continuous flow of printed products with a feeder (1) with feeding elements upstream of the collecting conveyor (10),
- grip a leading portion (20) of a printed product at the discharge end of said feeder (1) by separating grippers (60) of a transferring conveyor (40) which is also arranged upstream of the collecting conveyor (10) and
- transfer the gripped printed product with the transferring conveyor (40) substantially along a path, which takes its course generally along the first direction (11) of the collecting conveyor (10).

(Fig. 1)